he should be spared for a long time to come and that he may occupy still higher positions and help the people of the State.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA also expressed the same sentiments and offered his felicitations to the Member.

On behalf of the Depressed Classes of the State, MR. JATRE NAIK offered congratulations to him.

Rajamantrapravina K. MATTHAN thanked all the speakers for their felicitations and said that he valued the sentiments expressed by them, coming as they did from so many elected representatives of the people of the State.

MR. M. VENKATESA IYENGAR, Comptroller to Government, then read out the Kannada translation of the Dewan's Address.

Swearing in of New Members.

The following new members were then duly sworn in :—

1. Mr. Mir Raza Ali Saheb
2. Mr. Doddiah Heggade.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

General Principles of the Bill to Amend the Mysore Lunacy Regulation, 1916.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT explained the principles as follows :—

Under Section 4 of the Mysore Lunacy Regulation, 1916, when a lunatic has to be admitted into the Mental Hospital, the magistrate within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the alleged lunatic ordinarily resides has to pass a reception order. This is found in practice to be very inconvenient as patients are brought for treatment in the Mental Hospital at Bangalore, from all parts of the State without reception orders from the local magistrates concerned. In such cases, admission into the hospital will have to be refused to the patients and they will be deprived of the benefits of immediate treatment. In order, therefore, to obviate this hardship, it is proposed to amend the section suitably so as to empower the Superintendent in urgent cases to receive the lunatic on an order passed by a magistrate in whose jurisdiction the hospital is situated.

It is also proposed to add after Section 10, which relates to reception orders on petition, a new section to make provision

so as to empower the Superintendent of the Mental Hospital to receive and detain temporarily alleged lunatics on the application, called an urgency order, of the husband or wife or a relative of the alleged lunatic, in urgent cases when the welfare of the person demands instant intervention. The urgency order is to remain in force for seven days or till the date of the final disposal of a petition made for a reception order on his behalf.

The Bill is intended to secure the above objects.

KHAN BAHADUR MAHOMED ABBAS KHAN and MR. D. S. MALLAPPA observed that the amendments proposed were very necessary, and supported the same.

MR. BELUR SRINIVASA IYENGAR supported only the first proposal, *i.e.*, to amend Section 4 so as to empower the Superintendent of the Mental Hospital in urgent cases to receive lunatics on orders passed by a magistrate in whose jurisdiction the hospital was situated. As regards the other proposal, *i.e.*, to add a new section after Section 10, empowering the Superintendent to receive and detain alleged lunatics on "urgency orders" passed even by near relatives of lunatics, he said that such orders might be passed with ulterior motives; in this view, he did not see his way to support the second proposal.

THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that these orders would be in force only for seven days or till the date of the final disposal of a petition made for a reception order in respect of a lunatic.

The principles of the Bill were then put to vote and *passed* unanimously.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MR. B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore City Municipality).—

Q.—2. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether it is not a fact that most of the Vanhikula Kshatriyas (Tigalars) whose lands have been acquired for the extension of Bangalore City are now rendered landless and have therefore been agitating for a garden colony?

(*b*) Did not the Government venture to help them on this account?

(*c*) Whether it is not a fact that the land selected for their use was not only unfit for cultivation, but also its cost